

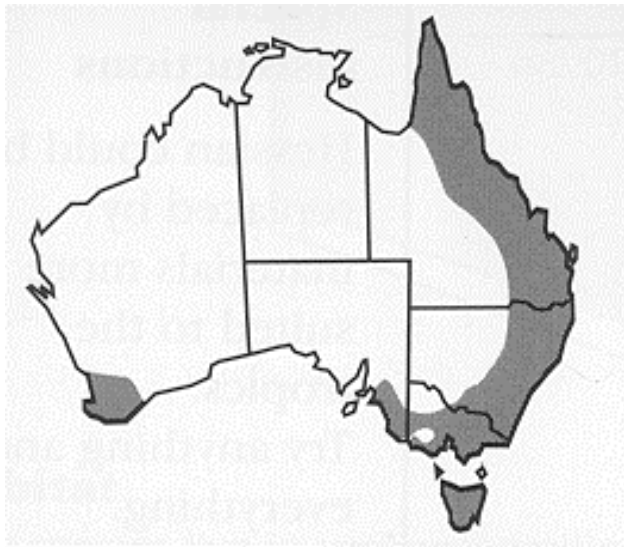
## Fact Sheet – Nestboxes

### Build a Nestbox: Ringtail Possum

These attractive little possums are often seen in backyards and have adapted to eating a broad range of introduced plants. They do not nest in roofs like brushtail possums, but build nests in hollows or in thicket of branches. They may move between several nests. In urban areas they are particularly vulnerable to cats, dogs and foxes when on the ground, especially when young. Ringtail possums may colonise almost any nest box provided the hole is big enough for them to enter. They may use several different nest sites.

#### Habitat

Prefer areas where there is a thick layer of shrubs and trees allowing movement without having to walk on the ground where it is very vulnerable to predators.

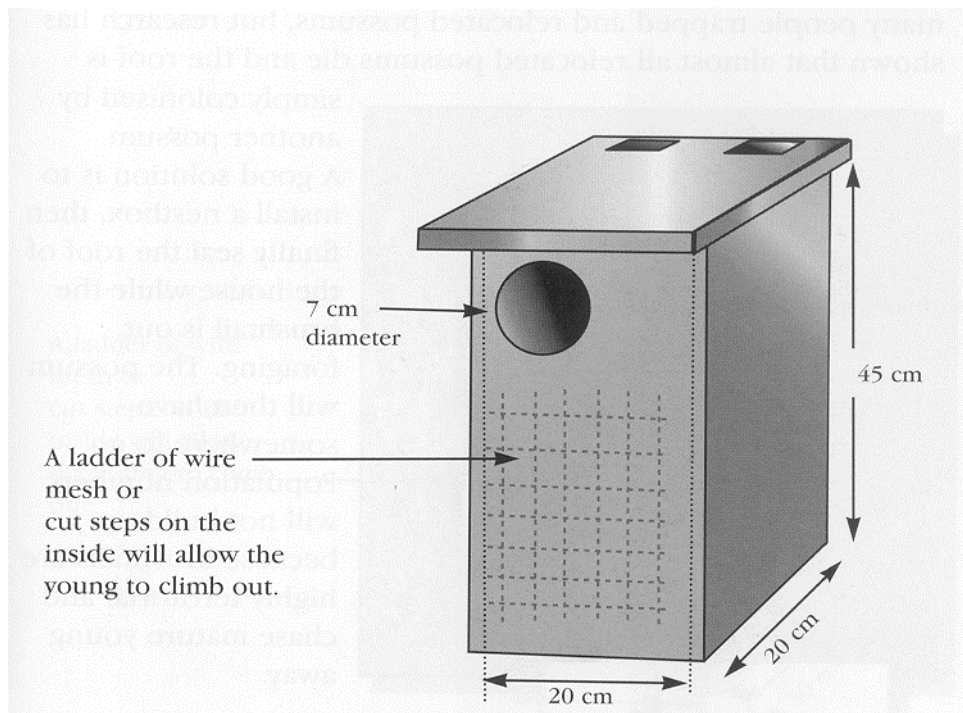


**Map:  
Ringtail Possum  
Distribution**

#### Nesting information

- Breed from April to November
- Offspring are carried in the mother's pouch, then later on the father's back.

## Building your Nest Box



## Special Instructions

These possums like sawdust in the bottom of their box. Tie stout ropes between trees so that possums will not have to come down to a level where they are vulnerable to cats.

Drain three well-spread 5 mm drainage holes into the base of the box.

### Credit:

Grant, Jim, 1997, *The Nestbox Book*, Gould League of Victoria, Melbourne.